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SUSPENSION OF QAZIGUND-BARAMULLA RAIL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railway Construction (IRCON) has suspended the work at the prestigious Qazigund-Baramulla railway project by withdrawing its engineers after the murder of its engineer Sudhir Kumar and his brother by terrorists ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to provide adequate security to IRCON employees and to resume the work on the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : On 23.06.2004 Shri Sudhir Kumar and his brother were kidnapped and brutally murdered as found on 25.06.2004. Thereafter IRCON Engineers were withdrawn from the project for want of adequate security.

(c) : Matter has been taken up with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and the Ministry of Home Affairs to provide adequate security.